

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: §
Xiaodong Duan, et al. §
§ Group Art Unit: 2633
Serial No.: 10/642,479 §
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Confirmation No.: 3852 § Examiner: Nathan M. Curs
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Filed: August 15, 2003 §
§ Customer No. 47389
For: A METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTED §
OPTICAL PERFORMANCE §
MONITOR IN OPTICAL §
NETWORKS §

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 20, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/001104/WCG for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.